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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WORLD GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE
RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC)

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON MR. MOHAMMAD SHAHED ISMAIL,
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF JOREAN'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION,
TO DISCUSS REPAIR. ISMAIL WAS PREVIOUSLY UNAWARE OF WARC
TO BE HELD IN 1979 AND WAS THUS UNABLE TO
ADDRESS MOST ISSUES RAISED IN PARA III OF REPAIR. AS
THERE WILL BE MEETINGS OF ARAB TELECOMMUNICATION UNION
IN BOTH 1977 AND 1978, ISMAIL EXPECTS AT LEAST SOME
PRIOR CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION ON PART OF ATU.
HE WILL ALSO PURSUE SUBJECT OF WARC IN PRELIMINARY
MANNER WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF ITU, WHO IS DUE TO
VISIT JORDAN WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. IN GENERAL,
JORDAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION WILL BE RECEPTIVE
TO U.S. VIEWS ON WARC ISSUES, AND WE WOULD EXPECT GOJ
TO MAKE ITS VIEWS FREELY AND FRANKLY KNOWN TO US. IN
PAST, ON SIMILAR TECHNICAL MATTERS, JORDAN HAS PROVED
COOPERATIVE WITH US AND WILL NO DOUBT CONTINUE THIS
ATTITUDE WITH REGARD TO WARC.

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2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION EXPECTS TO RECEIVE
WITHIN NEXT TWO MONTHS DRAFT REPORT FOR MASTER PLAN FOR
JORDANIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR NEXT 10-15 YEARS.
CONSULTANT IS U.S. FIRM TELECONSULT. THIS IS FIRST
OVERALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLAN PREPARED FOR JORDAN.
IN 1976-1980 FIVE PLAN CALLS FOR \$60 MILLION INVESTMENTS

IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MOSTLY IN LAND LINE
DOMESTIC TELEPHONE SYSTEM, SUBJECT TO REVISIONS INDICATED
BY MASTER PLAN.

3. DURING CONVERSATION ON WARC, ISMAIL MENTIONED THAT
AT RECENT ATU MEETING IN CAIRO, FOURTEEN MEMBER UNION
AGREED TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAINING
CENTER AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$20 MILLION. ACCORDING
TO ISMAIL, THIRTEEN MEMBERS WOULD HAVE OPTED FOR JORDAN
LOCATION OF TRAINING CENTER, BUT SAUDI DELEGATE INSISTED
ON SAUDI ARABIA AS SITE. AS PRIMARY POTENTIAL
SUPPLIER OF FUNDS, SAUDIS CARRIED THE DAY.
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